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The bad weather didn't keep the runners away from the 10k Classic on Saturday morning. Runners started the race on University Boulevard just after 9.



Rami Maalouf/Herald

Irishman Sean Dollman crossed the finish line in 28 minutes, 40 seconds, claiming his second 10k Classic title.

## CLASSIC MOMENT

◆ **Sean Dollman reclaimed 10k crown in Saturday's event**

By JASON HALL

As he rounded the last turn from Virginia Garrett Avenue onto Big Red Way and started toward the finish line, Sean Dollman was leading Bowling Green's 10k Classic.

The former Western track star had been in front for much of the race, but now, only yards from the end, he could hear footsteps.

As the finish got closer, the footsteps got louder, and Doll-

man sneaked a peek to see who was coming up behind.

Last year, he saw Kenyan runner Stephen Nyamu dash past him at the end and steal the 10k crown. This year, all he saw was open space.

"As the people got louder and louder, I got more and more scared," Dollman said. "I looked behind me, and I had a good 30 feet."

Dollman broke the tape and won back the title he first claimed in 1994.

"After crossing that line, I said, 'It's all over. Thank goodness,'" he said. "(Last year's race) has been playing with me

for the past year."

Dollman's victory was just another feather in the cap of the 10k Classic, one of Bowling Green's premier events, said race director Rick Kelley.

"We are very pleased with the way everything has gone," he said. "Anytime the local guy wins, it makes it good."

Dollman won \$2,000 for his 28:40 time, and the man he beat out by only two seconds was his friend and fellow Irishman Noel Berkeley.

"It's obviously a close rivalry," Dollman said of his relation-

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## RUNNER: Man uses disability as an advantage

By SHANNON BACK

Thirty-four is a lucky number for 1986 Western graduate Bruce Law.

The 34-year-old runner from Owensboro placed 34th in the 17th annual 10k Classic on Saturday morning in Bowling Green. His time was 34:43 at a pace of 5:34 per mile.

What makes this feat noteworthy is that Bruce Law has been legally blind since birth.

"The pigmatism in my eyes never developed," he said. "I wear glasses and can manage to do most things except drive because I can't focus on things far away."

Law said his condition, called ocular astigmatism albinism, has helped mold him into an independent person.

"I want to prove to everyone that I can do things by myself," he said. "I have learned to adapt to my disability and use it as an advantage."

Law has been running for 20

years. After being the No. 1 cross country runner his senior year of high school and advancing to run on the track team in college from 1980 to 1984, he decided to take his running ability to the next level.

"I didn't compete in a lot of races in college, but I ran with the team in some track races and a few cross country races," he said. "After realizing that I had done well running, it helped me to gain confidence and motivate me to be more serious about running."

Law said having a disability is only what one makes of it.

"I can run by myself and can tell if a car is coming. I just have to be careful when crossing the street," he said with a laugh. "It is all about learning what you can and can't do."

Law said his brother, Byron, was his biggest inspiration.

"My brother started running when I was in the eighth grade," Law said. "I thought he was crazy to run around the track eight

times. That summer though, he talked me into running with him and now I love to run."

Byron Law recalls the same experience.

"I can remember when I was a



Teak Phillips/Herald

Computer chips attached to their shoes timed runners in the 10k Classic.

freshman our track team met in Henderson County. It came a real downpour that day," he said.

"(Bruce) said that we were all crazy fools and would never catch him

running. That summer he started running and hasn't stopped."

Law said his parents were very supportive by helping put on races in Owensboro and taking him to races.

"We usually put on about 16 races a year," said Bruce's mother, Judy Law. "My husband and I joined the Owensboro Area Track Club in 1979, when both our sons were running. We usually do the finish line, timing and results."

Judy Law said Bruce doesn't let anything get in his way.

"When Bruce was in college, he took a lab class three times before quitting," she said. "He doesn't even like to say he has a handicap when trying to get a job. He is very independent and wants to do everything on his own."

Byron Law said Western was the only school to accept his brother when he wanted to be a draftsman.

"I'm very proud of (Bruce) for accomplishing all he has," he said.

"UK wouldn't let him in when he wanted to learn to be a draftsman."

"I'm thankful to Western for allowing him to go to school and to run. It has made him stronger and more determined to accomplish his goals."

Bruce Law said his training at Western and determination has helped make him successful.

"Recently I got a promotion to mechanical designer," he said. "We draw up parts and assemblies."

He added that his boss said his disability made him a better worker because he takes time to look at things and doesn't assume.

"I'm not as quick as others," Law said. "I don't just glance at things. I really try to look and make sure I don't make a mistake."

Bruce Law says he wants to be a role model not only for disabled people but for everyone.

"I don't really have to work—I could draw income," he said. "But I want more out of life. I look around at everyone else and realize that there are people out there who are a lot worse off than me."

### Athletes



Women's rugby team scraps bruises for thrill of game.

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### Weather

University, students gearing up for winter's chill.

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### Football

Tops lose 37-3 to No. 1 Marshall.



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## Rain continues through the week



Today will be partly cloudy with a high of 75 degrees and a low of 55. Showers are expected Wednesday with the high reaching 76 and a low of 64.

Thursday expect scattered thunderstorms with a high of 74 and a low of 64.

Showers will start off the weekend Friday, with the high reaching 71. The low will drop to 55.



## ♦ Campus line

**Sport Club Presidents' Council** meets at 2:15 today in the Preston Health and Activities Center. For more information, contact the intramural-recreational sports office at 745-5216.

**Men's Soccer Club** meets at 3 p.m. Tuesdays at Creason Field. For more information, contact the intramural-recreational sports office at 745-5216.

**Anthropology Club** meets at 7 tonight in the fine arts center, Room 239. For more information, contact Valerie Haskins at 745-5094.

**Latter-day Saint Student Association** meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in Downing University Center, Room 308. For more information, contact Claire Rinehart at 745-6006.

**Fencing Club** meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Smith Stadium dance studio. For more information, contact Daniel Faller at 842-1953 or the intramural-recreational sports office at 745-5216.

**Hillvue Heights Baptist Church** will hold a university praise gathering at 8 tonight at the church. For more information, contact Darla Pierce at 781-9189.

**Young Democrats** meet at 4 p.m. Wednesdays in DUC, Room 308. For more information, contact Andy Spears at 745-4768 or Stephanie Cosby at 745-4801.

**Brothers and Sisters in Christ** meet at 8 p.m. Thursdays in the Baptist Student Center. For more information, contact Tracy Wilson at 745-4432.

**Honors Student Society** meets at 9 p.m. Mondays in the Rhodes-Harlin recreation room. For more information, contact Sam McFarland at 745-2081.



Photo by Paul Thomas

**In the light:** Sunlight beams through the front doors at Downing University Center on Saturday morning as a student leaves the building.

## ♦ For the record/crime reports

## Arrests

♦ Jeremy Wayne Birdwell, North Hall, was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. He was released the same day from the Warren County Regional Jail on a \$2,000 cash bond.

♦ Jake Clinton Griffiths, North, was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of marijuana. He was released the same day from the Warren County Regional

Jail on a \$1,000 cash bond.

♦ Wesley Ryan Holley, Poland Hall, was arrested Thursday in Creason lot on charges of possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. He was released Friday from the Warren County Regional Jail on a \$2,000 cash bond.

## Reports

♦ Sally J. Updike, Bates-Runner, reported her government textbook, valued at \$30, stolen Thursday from Grise Hall.

♦ Shannon M. Dean, Pearce-Ford Tower, reported her driver's side mirror, valued at \$150, damaged Friday in Pearce-Ford lot.

♦ A juvenile was charged Sunday with third-degree criminal trespassing after in-line skating on the front steps of Downing University Center. He was released to a parent.

♦ Christopher A. Conner, Keen Hall, reported two Nike sweatshirts, valued at \$91.49, stolen Sunday from his room.

## DELTS: Pledge exposure lands three in jail, community service

BY CARA VANWINKLE

It all comes down to the naked truth.

Three Delta Tau Delta fraternity pledges were found nude Sept. 17 near the corner of Eighth and Center streets.

According to the police report, a woman called from a pay phone around 11:40 p.m. complaining that three males were running around naked.

When the officers arrived, all three males were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

One of the offenders, Hanson freshman Bryan Thomas, had "only a small piece of cloth covering his

penis," the report stated.

Louisville freshman Brad Mohr was found standing behind a van beside Bowling Green Municipal Utilities partially nude, exposing his butt, police said.

Louisville freshman Jeff Dant was charged with indecent exposure because he was "exposing his genitals intentionally to the public," the police report stated.

The three men were arrested and taken to Warren County Regional Jail.

The next morning the pledges went to court and received a sentence of community service to work this weekend at a softball game.

Dant said this punishment

was fair. He would not comment further.

Although Thomas would not go into detail, he said Delt members are looking at this as something the pledges have done wrong that could lead to "massive things happening within the fraternity."

The pledges involved said the incident was not hazing, and no one made them do anything.

Thomas said other members of the fraternity transported the pledges downtown.

"We asked them to take us," he said. "It was all us, our decision to do it. We were like 'we're going to do this,' and then we started doing it and thought 'man this is kind of weird.'"

The other two pledges involved agreed the incident did not involve hazing.

Thomas said the actions were merely something the guys did to remember their pledge semester.

"We just heard it would be fun, like from your parents and stuff," he said. "If you ask my dad, he was like, 'yeah, we did that when we were in college.' It would kind of be fun."

Thomas said when he was doing it he had no idea it would be on the news the next morning or that he could get arrested.

Thomas said "it was kind of funny" to be arrested but scary to go to court.

"When you're in there with

people who are like rapists and all kinds of other stuff, it's kind of scary," he said. "People look at people in an orange uniform and say they've done something really wrong."

"It was something I thought would be really harmless. It was all real stupid what we did."

Thomas said he regretted his actions.

Mohr refused to comment.

A spokesperson for the Delt national headquarters said the organization is looking into the matter. Student Activities Coordinator Charlie Pride said the university is also investigating the incident.

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# MOMENT: Weather doesn't dampen attendance of race

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ship with Berkeley. "We run a lot of the same races."

Capturing third place was Daniel Kihara from Norristown, Pa. The women's champion was Boston's Gladys Ondeyo, with 1995 winner Colette Murphy from Indianapolis coming in second. Third place went to Libbie Johnson.

Saturday's festivities, which began with a 5k run and walk, were dampened by rain early in the morning. The sun was shining when the runners crossed the finish line, but the streets were still wet.

"I would have preferred it to be dry," Dollman said. "But everybody had to suffer through that."

Kelley said the rain didn't affect attendance, which was about the same as it has been for the past few years — about 20,000.

This was also the first year that electronic chip timing was used to determine the race results. Kelley said the chip, which was attached to the runners' shoelaces, gave the runners a more precise time for their race.

The classical also drew runners from as far away as Kawanishi, Japan.

Kan-ichi Mimura, a professor of sports medicine at Osaka University, came with a delegation from the city to participate

in Saturday's events.

As part of an international goodwill program, Kawanishi is Bowling Green's sister city. Three years ago, several Bowling Green residents went to Japan to run a marathon, and now Mimura is returning the favor. Although several participated in the 5k race, Mimura was the only member of his delegation to run in the 10k.

"It was a great race," he said. "It was very easy, not so many hills."

Mimura runs all over the world and will participate in the Honolulu Marathon next month.

"(Running) is good for your health, especially the heart, and I can stay slim," he said. "And I can make friends."

Mimura said he liked Bowling Green and would enjoy coming back for the 10k next year.

"It's a beautiful city, and I think I can taste very fresh air," he said.

Dollman said the race reflects well on the city and the university.

"This is a remarkable achievement for Bowling Green to put on such a well-ranked race," he said.

Dollman said the race is ranked 30th nationally, and it was exciting for him to win in front of his hometown fans.

"I wanted to prove to them I'm world-class," he said. "And I did."

## Little Texas kicks a little at finale

BY JASON HALL

Little Texas came to south-central Kentucky on Saturday night not sure what to expect, but they left two hours later with a "peaceful, easy feeling" about Bowling Green and Western.

"It was a great show," was the unanimous chorus from the six members of the hit country band who played the Grand Finale to the 10k Classic. They drove in their cars from Nashville for the concert, which was delayed about 20 minutes because one of them was still on the interstate at showtime.

"This was one of the best crowds we've played to in about three months," acoustic guitarist Dwayne O'Brien said.

Playing in front of a screaming crowd of about 7,500 at Smith Stadium was a big event for the band, lead vocalist Tim Rushlow said, because Little Texas is not on tour.

"Every show is different, whether we're playing in front of 500 people or 15,000 people," he said. "Right now, because

we're only doing one or two shows a month, any time we play it's fun for us."

It was apparently fun for the fans, too, who cheered wildly as the band opened the concert with the chorus from their No. 1 hit "God Blessed Texas."

Though they seemed laid back at first, the crowd jumped to their feet for Little Texas' version of the Eagles' classic "Peaceful, Easy Feeling."

The award-winning band, which was named Group of the Year by the Academy of Country Music in 1994, played songs from their self-titled first album, their sophomore offering, "Big Time," and their third album, "Kick A Little."

The band closed the show with a medley of songs from their most recent release, a "Greatest Hits" compilation, and then left on a high note with an encore presentation of "God Blessed Texas."

They also performed a couple of songs from an album that is set for release next spring.

"We like to play our new stuff even before we put it on

the album, because we want to know if the people like it," Rushlow said.

This was the first country music concert for Bardstown sophomore Michael St. Peter, and he said he wasn't disappointed.

"It was pretty cool," he said. "I'm not a big fan of country music, but this was a big experience."

Louisville junior Tanney Bradley agreed.

"It was a pretty good show," he said. "It wasn't a Rolling Stones concert or anything, but it was definitely worth \$15."

Lead guitarist Porter Howell said it was fun to play so close to Nashville, and yet still play to a small-town crowd.

"It's nice to be able to play in the Nashville area without all the hoopla of Starwood and everything," he said.

The band members also agreed that the Bowling Green crowd was well worth the hour drive up Interstate 65.

"We'd come back in a heartbeat," O'Brien said. "All they have to do is ask us."

## Martin rolls across the finish line for fourth year in Classic

BY BRIAN MAINS

Dawn Ballard sits on the curb of University Boulevard, lacing her Rollerblades and stretching. Other skaters begin to move up and down the road tracing circles, warming up.

Ballard, along with about 125 other skaters, are preparing for the Bowling Green 10k Classic. Skaters of all ages surround Ballard as she stands at the starting line.

"I just hope to finish the race," she said, a little nervously. "That's my main goal. As long as I do that, that's all I care about."

Fred Meador, a Bowling Green resident, shared Ballard's views. He entered the race with his grandson Mark Meador.

"He made me do it," Fred Meador said jokingly. "I think I may be the oldest skater here."

Unlike other skaters in the race, Fred is a rookie at in-line skating with only six months experience.

Mark Meador has been skating for six years, yet he still has worries about the race.

"I just hope no one falls," he said.

Rainy conditions occurred throughout most of the morning, making the pavement slick. By the time the starting pistol echoed in the morning air at 10, they were off, the sun was shining and the air was warming up.

## Police tow cars from flooded lot

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Several vehicles were moved early Friday morning from Egypt and Creason lots because of flooding in the area.

Campus police Officer Gordon Turner said 21 vehicles were moved to Russellville Road lot to avoid water damage. He said campus police tried to notify all vehicle owners that their cars should be moved, but the vehicles that were left in areas that flooded were moved with tow trucks.

Signs were posted throughout the weekend in dorms on the south end of campus that some cars parked in those lots were moved.

Anyone who has not located their car should contact campus police.

Nat Love, owner of Nat's Outdoor Sports and sponsor of the Rollerblade 10k, was on hand to start the event.

"This year we had the largest preregistration turnout," Love said. "It's growing every year."

Love, along with a few of the participants, agreed the number of racers actually participating in the event were down this year because of the weather.

The race started in conjunction with the 10k Classic in 1993, according to Love.

Ballard pushed across the finish line with a look of determination. She came across the finish line 30 minutes after the race began with a broad smile across her face.

"It was hard, really hard," Ballard said. "I wanted to quit, but I just kept on going."

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# Opinion

## Sexual harassment not a trivial issue

When a 6-year-old was reprimanded for kissing another a classmate last week, the media made a frenzy of it — with headlines screaming sexual harassment and a photograph showing a blonde kid with glasses holding a soccer ball.

Newspapers like USA TODAY reported what happened. A first-grade girl requested a kiss, and Johnathan Prevette gave her one on the cheek.

At first the school board called it sexual harassment, then just "unwarranted and unwelcomed touching." And, finally Prevette was punished — no ice cream social.

Ha, ha — what a cute story to talk about in break rooms across the nation.

Not really. Not if you're currently the victim of sexual harassment — the real thing.

Sexual harassment is a violation of the 1964 Civil Rights Act under Title VII.

According to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission guidelines, "unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitutes sexual harassment when: submission to such conduct is made ... a term or condition of an individual's employment or academic status; or submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions or academic decisions affecting that individual; or such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or education experience or creating an intimi-

dating, hostile or offensive working or education environment."

What is a person who is being sexually harassed in any way going to be thinking now?

The media has trivialized sexual harassment.

Is it supposed to be some sort of joke to experience sexual harassment?

Adults, men or women, receiving or giving sexual harassment aren't comparable to a couple of first-graders kissing in class.

People don't realize what's being done when they see these types of stories trivializing sexual harassment.

To the nation, it might appear that sexual harassment claims have gone too far; in this instance, yes, but this is not sexual harassment and should have never been deemed so by the school board.

This situation distorts what sexual harassment really is and may lead people to think that sexual harassment shouldn't be taken seriously anymore. That's wrong.

When an issue that emotionally and physically threatens many people every year is blown out of proportion like this, it is a backlash. The real problem is no longer being addressed and now an attitude develops in the mind set of America that causes doubt in true cases of sexual harassment.

It is good that the media covered the story to address the fact that Prevette's behavior didn't warrant him as sexually harassing, but they seemed to play the story up with a melodrama that can grab readers.

They missed the point — the stories should have examined the possible implications this has on sexual harassment.

The story that ran didn't deserve front page, more like a brief at the bottom of an inside page.



Readers need to know that sexual harassment can be blown out of proportion, but in the same act, newspapers should have better judgment as to what is really news and the priority in which that news should be placed.

Americans should not be reading that story and saying "you can't even look at or touch someone anymore or it's sexual harassment."

But that's probably what they're thinking.

People really don't know what sexual harassment is if that's all they got from this story.

Instead, we should exam-

ine this kind of media attention as an example of how trivial issues like this can appear if the subject matter is cute and has a good ending.

Sexual harassment happens every day almost everywhere.

Faculty, students and administrators need to think about the implications of trivializing such an important issue.

Sexual harassment can be devastating and can ruin people's careers and how they feel about themselves, sexually and mentally.

It should never be taken so lightly.

### People poll

◆ In light of recent events, is media trivializing sexual harassment?



"Yeah, well, there is such a thing (as sexual harassment) I guess. They're making it go a little too far."

Nick Kapitais, Thessaloniki, Greece graduate student



"I don't think most first-graders are sexual. I hope most of our society doesn't acknowledge it that way."

Sophia Wang, Bowling Green part-time student



"I would have to say I have no opinion on that. They're making a big deal out of it."

Francisco Valenzuela, Burbank, Calif. graduate student



"I think it's ridiculous. I think they are trivializing it. There are some cases that are sexual harassment."

Stephanie Hudson, Bowling Green sophomore



"It is making a mountain out of a mole hill."

Jim Wescotowski, communications professor

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# Forum

## Age big factor in presidential race

In a presidential race there are certain intangibles that, on the surface, may seem petty but can sway anyone's vote.

Coordination is one of them.

President Bill Clinton has it. Ross Perot has enough money to make it seem like he has it. But Bob Dole is the loser in this category.

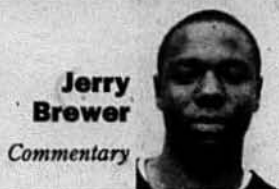
On Sept. 19, Dole, the Republican presidential nominee, stumbled off the stage at a rally in Chico, Calif.

He was leaning on a white rail while shaking hands when it gave way, causing him to fall mercifully.

The weight of the massive electoral college votes in California must have forced him to the ground.

He went to a hospital in Las Vegas where they told him he

had a small amount of blood in his left eye caused by striking



**Jerry Brewer**  
Commentary

himself with his hand. In other words, Dole clumsily slapped himself while he was spiraling downward, instead of putting his hands in front of him to brace his fall.

This was a silly incident and probably could have happened to anyone, but, for Dole, it

brings to light a big question: Is this man young enough to sustain a tenure as president?

Let's face one simple fact — Dole is 73.

Seventy-three is an age of decline. If you haven't peaked by then, you don't deserve to be president.

And if you have peaked, how effective can you be as president?

Presidents are supposed to improve with age.

Seventy-three is an age of bad health. Granted, Dole currently is in good shape, but do we want to choose the presidential candi-

date who is more likely to die in four years?

Seventy-three is an age of stubbornness.

Adaptability is one of the best things a president can have. Do we think a guy that old will compromise easily?

Anyone who thinks the Dodgers are still in Brooklyn is not too adaptable to the changing times.

Some would argue that Dole has wisdom because of his age, but Clinton and Perot are middle-aged men who have attained

enough knowledge in their lifetime to terminate that kind of talk.

Sorry senator, no advantage there.

I suggest that we put all of the presidential wannabes in the "Jerry Brewer Debate" (third parties included this time.)

I'd have a pizza-eating contest with the winner being the one who doesn't get heartburn. Better yet, I'd have them run a marathon.

The one who doesn't have a heart attack wins.

I'd take my chances with Clinton — in the marathon and in November.

**Editor's note:** Jerry Brewer is a freshman print journalism major from Paducah.



## Athletes use your imagination, skills

One of the most depressing things for a high school athlete to endure is the painful process of realizing that those days are over upon enrolling in college.

The classic "high school jock turned regular student" slaps us in the face like Roseanne Barr's hand at the doughnut store when the guy in front of her buys the last honey-dipped cruller. The sad process of learning one's athletic career is over can be a difficult and mundane acknowledgement, but it is always beneficial to talk about it, my therapist said.

I should know. I was a high school athlete whose glory ended way too soon when I graduated and was left to experience academia without the attention and cheers sports brought me.

During the fall, I would grace the Port Jefferson Royals with my football skills, then when that season was over I would step onto the wrestling mat. Immediately following that the dusty, gravel-plated track would welcome me and finally I would bounce onto the boards of the diving team. I was a jack-of-all-trades, thus gaining the interest of the local presses and the community. However, time would have its evil way, and the crowds stopped cheering as I enrolled at Western, having to live without the spotlight.

It seemed whatever season it was, I could not fathom no longer being a part of the sport it presented.

During fall, I watched the football team play, and it was impossible for me to just sit and watch.

I got involved in the intramural leagues but was quickly dismissed because I insisted on wearing my high school jersey and full padding.

I was so upset that I began to wear my uniform every day, trying to keep my skills sharp and to develop interest so people would want to play with me. When this backfired, I made up games to play in order for people to play

with me. I first made up a game where I would hike the ball in the cafeteria and sprint and dodge students as I ran toward the library for the touchdown. This only instigated laughing and pointing from my fellow students, but I didn't care.

It was apparent that football would not work out, so I moved to a new sport.

As winter covered the campus, I started dieting to get into peak physical shape for my wrestling season. When my frequent hour-long bouts with myself became

boring and predictable, I had to find new opponents. So I slid on my skintight wrestling tights and headgear and waited at the middle of campus, giving verbal threats to students and

faculty, telling them that I would wrestle anybody at any time or any place. One day a few football players took me up on my offer and pummeled me to a bloody pulp, then stole my tights and hung me from Dr. Cherry's statue (whom I had practiced against, ironically enough).

I got in the worst trouble when I tried to teach students how to throw the shot put. Since I didn't have a shot put, I had to suffice with stealing students' book bags and launching them across campus.

When diving, I caused serious harm to my body when I attempted a double backflip from the top of Smith Stadium into the substitute pool I made out of an empty soup can filled with water.

There was some merit in my injury. During my time in the hospital, I was forced to study, which brought me high grades in return. I was now excelling at something new: I didn't need the cheers anymore. I had the ability to gain respect in a new light: I was a student.

When something ends in your life, start something new and become the best at it. You'll be surprised at how you can become the player of another game.

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**K.C. Armstrong**  
Commentary



## 'New Level' not moving students' ACT scores up too much higher

When it comes to promoting the image of the university, there's nothing quite like having smarter students to pump up a school's collective ego.

So imagine the euphoria when a headline in last Thursday's Herald cried, "ACT scores rising."

The story went on to say how, even though enrollment is down by over 200 students, Western's average freshman ACT score is up to 21.19 from last year's 21.06.

This is reflective, President Thomas Meredith said, of his "Moving to a New Level" plan.

Meredith's plan was supposed to increase the quality of students being admitted into Western.

Various other administrators went on to say how it will attract more students, and this is just the beginning of a higher standard here at the university.

But before we take over as the new Harvard of the South, let's look at these numbers and see what they mean — or

if they mean anything.

Using my rusty Math 109 skills, I figure the freshmen ACT scores increased a whopping — please notice the decimal point — .6 percent.

If memory serves me correct, that is not even enough to

students to the Hill, it can't be blamed for the enrollment drop-off either.

Enrollment decreased 1.4 percent, which is also not a very significant number.

High schoolers looking at Western for the first time aren't going to notice a huge difference — yet.

But what if the trend continues?

Western cannot afford to keep losing students, especially when regional competitors like Murray State are showing all-time highs in enrollment.

Maybe reorganizing the Office of Admissions and putting it under the control of Academic Affairs is the answer.

Or maybe not.

But instead of patting themselves on the back for an insignificant score increase, administrators should be asking a more pertinent question: Where have all the students gone?

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**Jason Hall**  
Commentary

warrant a statistical difference in the scores.

Administrators are saying we are on our way to becoming a better institution.

But the first year of New Level has not produced significantly higher scores, just fewer students.

Just as New Level can't be credited with bringing smarter



# Facilities Management heats up for winter

BY JENNIFER WRIGHT

While students are dragging out winter clothes for the cold months ahead, Facilities Management is completing the work they started this summer to make sure Western is ready for the cold season.

Facilities Management Director Mark Struss said preparations are being made in the central heat plant to provide all the buildings on campus with heat.

"The vast majority of the buildings on campus are heated by steam," he said. "Coal is our primary fuel so it's very economical."

Wayne Mandeville, heating, air-conditioning and utilities systems superintendent, said the steam reaches the buildings by underground steam lines that run from the heat plant.

"The steam heats the water that is circulating in the air handling units and heats the building," he said.

Mandeville said buildings such as the Jones-Jaggers Building have to be heated other ways because steam lines aren't available.

"Some buildings are just too far out on campus, so we have to find other ways to get those buildings heat," he said.

Struss said the cost of preparing the heat plant for the heat season exceeds \$100,000.

This summer, Facilities Management began inspecting parts to make sure that heat would be available for winter, Struss said.

"Our system has to be inspected by the state Board of Inspectors because it involves a boilermaker," he said.

**"Some buildings are just too far out on campus, so we have to find other ways to get those buildings heat."**

**— Wayne Mandeville  
facilities management**

Struss said Facilities Management plans to turn the heat on by Oct. 20 at the latest.

"It shouldn't be needed before then," he said. "Hopefully there will be a few days where neither is needed, and we can use the outside air."

Mandeville said the change will take three days to complete once it is decided that the heat should be turned on.

"The water running to the steam lines has to be heated so to provide the buildings with heat," he said. "When the heat is turned back off, the water will have to be refrigerated to provide air conditioning to the buildings."

Struss said once they commit to the heat, it can't be turned off.

"The occupants of the building can turn it down if needed, but it can't be totally turned back off," he said.

Struss said when the heat is turned on, Facilities Management will begin preparations for spring.

"When the heat is turned on we start doing maintenance for when it's time for the air conditioning to be turned on and vice versa," he said. "It's an ongoing cycle."

Preparations in the buildings aren't needed to prepare them for winter, Struss said.

"Some buildings are energy efficient, and some are not," he said. "We don't have the resources to check insulation on a seasonal basis."

Struss said the irrigation system that provides water to Feix Field will have to be drained so the water won't freeze.

At some point Facilities Management employees will begin preparing for snow by ordering salts for the roads, maintaining vehicles and mounting snow plows, Struss said.

"We also have lawn mowers that can be used as snow plows so those will be serviced and prepared as well," he said.

## Preparation key for students

BY ELIZABETH ALLEN

Students living on and off campus should be aware of the essentials in making winter life more comfortable.

Louisville junior Ray Robinson and two of his friends live in an apartment four blocks from campus.

"We are going to turn on our heat when it starts to feel chilly outside," Robinson said.

But Todd James, an employee from Jody's Heating and Cooling Co., said students should begin preparing for winter now.

"Before it gets too cold, turn on the heat in your apartment to insure that it is working, so you can report any malfunctions in your heating system ahead of time," James said. "Be sure to check that your heating filters are clean to avoid vent blockage."

Students living off campus should check their heating units for fire safety and other complications before the winter season begins, he said. A gas heater should have a blue flame when it is turned on.

"If the flame is a solid yellow color, it simply means that your filter is dirty and needs to be changed," James said. "If you ever smell natural gas in your

apartment, your vent pipe is stopped up."

Students should also consider preparing their cars for the winter months.

"I suggest students carry flashlights and extra blankets in their cars in case of an emergency," campus police Capt. Richard Kirby said. "Students must check the oil, antifreeze and change the tires for more traction against snow and ice this winter."

Kirby also said drivers can pick up pamphlets on car safety and precautions at the campus police station.

Although getting cars and apartments ready for the winter is a concern, walking Western's hills and sliding down them are another headache for students.

"I have waterproofed all of my shoes and brought all of my winter clothes from home," Owensboro freshman Courtney Campbell said.

Campbell said she bought a new pair of boots to tackle the icy Hill.

Georgetown sophomore Dana Martin, who has been through the winter routine before, has two suggestions.

"Dress warm, and walk slow up the Hill," she said.

## Lunar eclipse 'fascinating'

BY MATT ZAVALA

Western students were able to experience a scientific event Thursday night for the last time this century.

The physics and astronomy department held a lunar eclipse open house in the Hardin Planetarium.

Eager spectators gathered in the planetarium to hear Roger Scott, a physics and astronomy professor, discuss the last lunar eclipse before the year 2000.

A lunar eclipse occurs when the moon enters the part of the earth's shadow known as the umbra. As the shadow completely covers the moon, the light surrounding it gives off an orange-reddish glow.

"It's a neat phenomenon," Hanson senior Sarah Pitney said. "It's very fascinating to watch."

A solar eclipse is when the moon's shadow falls on the earth whereas a lunar eclipse is the exact opposite, Scott explained.

"It doesn't have the same value for scientists as a solar eclipse," he said. "It's more of a scientific phenomenon that's good for public outreach."

Around 9:18 p.m. the audience went to the top of Thompson Complex Central Wing to watch the eclipse.

Audience members reported seeing a small "smudge" on the left side of the moon. This was the earth's shadow beginning to cover the moon.

Michael Carini, a physics and astronomy assistant professor, said while the time it takes for the earth's shadow to cover the moon varies, most eclipses last a little over an hour.

Although the sky was overcast, viewers who came to the meeting had an advantage in witnessing the eclipse. On Thompson's roof, students were able to look through a powerful telescope to get a closer view.

Radcliff freshman Cortney Young said the event was his first experience witnessing an eclipse.

"I thought the viewing would be kind of dull," he said. "Actually it was kind of exhilarating."



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# League of Their Own

Women's rugby debuts at Western



**Left:** Thirty-two women make up the first Western women's rugby team. The team practices three times a week.

**Below:** At the end of each game, players return their jerseys to be used by players of the next game.



During the game against Vanderbilt on Saturday, Wendee Cherry, a sophomore from Pleasantville, Tenn., is tackled short of the ball.

Because the women have little or no rugby experience, the team has had a few struggles with the game, according to Coach Joe Henley.

STORY BY GEORGE ROBINSON

PHOTOS BY RAMI MAALOUF



Just before being tackled by a Vanderbilt player, Louisville junior Amanda Sangster passes the ball to a teammate.

Imagine being a trailblazer, someone who sets the standard in a sport traditionally dominated by men.

Then realize it isn't just imagination, but a truth that can be appreciated by those who share in it.

For Western's newly-created women's rugby team, they have realized that truth, and they are those trailblazers.

In the brisk night air under the lights of Smith Stadium, Coach Joe Henley observes practice in motion. Exhaustive running in preparation for a seven-game season, learning a game that they've never played before.

These are the bumps, bruises and other markings of one of the most physical sports created as one player explains while tending to a cut on her knee.

"It's pretty rough out here," said team member Debra Bassett, a freshman from Gallatin, Tenn. "But I wouldn't trade it for anything."

Those are just a few of the sacrifices one makes when competing in women's rugby.

Rugby demands mental and physical toughness as well as endurance, attributes that these women display on the field.

During the two-hour practice, they start with calisthenics, then run around the practice field, go through drills and end with wind sprints. All of this while learning the basics of how to play.

The 32-member team shows its desire to improve with each step taken during practice.

But before this semester it was doubtful that there would ever be a team.

Last semester, Junior Leslie Newton, along with senior Virginia Vinson and sophomore Amanda Wetzel, discussed the idea of forming a women's rugby team with members of the men's team. Due to lack of interest, the team disbanded without playing a game.

"Some of us played some type of high school sport," Newton said. "We missed playing because there was nothing else we could do. We used to go to the men's games and were excited about forming our own team and now that we have a team that makes it all the more exciting."

After a successful attempt early this semester, the team was formed with the help of many fund raisers.

The interest and support continues to be a saga, however. Out of 75 women that attended the first practice, 32 are left and there is still room for more.

"Many of them just didn't know how to do it," junior Melissa Haynes said. "We all really didn't know how to play. We just stuck to it."

Because of no prior experience, the team had its struggles at the beginning but has made tremendous improvements through the course of their practices, said Henley, a graduate student and member of the men's team.

The team's major support so far has come from men, especially the men's rugby team.



Injuries are often a part of rugby. Owensboro sophomore Amanda Wetzel was slightly injured during their game against Vanderbilt.

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# Gays, straights similar

BY CHARBONNEE LA BELLE

Straight people don't know what gay people look like, Hendersonville senior Kerry Jones said.

"You know more gays than you think," he said. "Not all gay people wear dresses — this means you can't tell a gay person from sight. And you really shouldn't tell people someone is gay because the only way you know for sure is by sleeping with them."

Renee, a senior from Henderson, agreed.

"There's more similarities than differences," she said. "It's harder to hate a group of people when you actually get to know someone."

Learning about homosexuality is one purpose of the Lesbian Bisexual Straight Gay Alliance, said Karen Schneider, the group's faculty adviser.

"To do away with the misunderstanding that exists is one of the most important issues," she said.

Schneider said there is no "typical" gay person.

"All gays are not alike," she said. "They're like everybody else. Everybody is different."

The group has taken a big

step to include straights, she said.

"One purpose (of the alliance) is to provide a safe meeting place for people who want to belong," she said. "It's rather courageous of them to make it an alliance of straights and gays because it puts them in a rather vulnerable position."

Molly Wade, a junior from Kalamazoo, Mich., is the only straight member of the alliance.

"I got involved because my best friend is gay," she said. "Activism is a really important part of anything."

Friends are friends, Wade said.

"For myself, having gay friends, I don't ever look at one of my friends and think, 'this person is gay,'" she said. "I look at them and think, 'this person is my friend.'"

Schneider is a straight voice in the alliance as well. She said she has been adviser since the beginning of last semester when the previous one retired.

"They needed one ... they wanted a heterosexual couple, and my husband and I fit the bill," she said. "I wanted to make some sort of gesture in support of their right to be on campus."

Jones, who is president of the alliance, said Schneider is necessary to the group's existence.

"Without her there's no way we could be any semblance of a group," he said.

Elise, a Bowling Green freshman, explained why gay people often gather in their own groups. She and Renee asked that their last names be withheld for safety purposes.

"We don't hate straight people," she said. "We just tend to gather in our own community because they're more accepting of us. It's the same with other cultures."

Franklin sophomore Jimmy Ausbrooks said he would like people to come to the alliance's meetings to learn more about homosexuals.

"Education is the key to everything," he said. "If you educate people about who you are, then they are less likely to be afraid of you."

Ausbrooks said, for instance, some straight men think all gay men are after them.

"Not all gay men are out for every man walking the face of this earth," he said. "We've got our type."

Jones said all students are invited to attend the meetings. The Alliance meets 8 p.m. Mondays in Downing University Center, Room 309.

"I know there are a lot of people who have had a homosexual thought or a homosexual experience and are scared to death of it," he said. "This is not a group to turn you gay, most because that's pretty much impossible, but we are a resource to be used if you have questions."

## Same-Sex Marriage



Part three of a series

# DUC, library open Fall Break

BY ELIZABETH ALLEN

Western students might find the campus a little empty Thursday and Friday when Fall Break begins.

"I am going to spend quality time with my family," Bowling Green freshman Leslie Morrison said of her Fall Break plans.

Relaxing at home or with friends seems to be a favorite for some students like Russellville freshman Shawnri Gamble.

"I am going home to spend time with my boyfriend," she said.

However, some students will be staying on campus.

"I have no idea what I am going to do over Fall Break," Owensboro freshman Dawn Atherton said. "I'll probably be on campus with my friends and just chill."

For those students staying on campus, several buildings and services will be open.

Preston Health and Activities

Center, Downing University Center and Marriott Food Services will be open regular hours, while the Subway in DUC will be closed Thursday and Friday.

It will reopen Saturday for regular hours.

However, the Subway in Garrett Center will close at 4 p.m. tomorrow and will reopen Monday for regular hours.

The library will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

# Proposed class to look at race communication

BY FRED LUCAS

An interracial communication class may be available to students if the Academic Council accepts a proposal made at last Thursday's meeting.

Sally Hastings, a communication and broadcasting professor, proposed SCOM 360, interracial communication.

"Overall the course is very much worthwhile," she said. "I see it as an opportunity for further discussion among departments."

Sandra Ardrey, a government associate professor, said the course would benefit students.

"As a student goes into a diverse work environment they need to understand nuances of racial communication," she said. "Race is more than just an idea, more than just a perception, more than just a concept. It's a reality, and anything done to soften that would be a disservice to the academic community."

Although no council member disagreed with having the class, voting for its acceptance was postponed because questions were raised concerning the name and course description.

The course description states "students will learn concepts enabling them to gain deeper insights into the role race plays in culture and communication."

Jan Garrett, a philosophy and religion professor, said the full description implies there is a biological difference between what society has called races.

"There is no scientific evidence that shows any difference between races," he said. "I don't want to reinforce that race is biological. Race is not an objective reality. It is entirely cultural."

Hastings, who will teach the class if it passes, said most of the discussion at the meeting was based on clarification of wording.

"From my perspective, race is both a reality, and to a certain extent, a concept," she said.

Richard Hackney, a physics and astronomy professor, said the class will teach people there aren't that many differences between races.

"We differ from horses by a 10 percent difference in DNA," he said. "There are no biological differences between human beings. We are all the same."

George Musambira, a speech associate professor, said biology can't be the only factor in determining race.

"If everyone looked at things biologically we would miss out on a lot. We made it (race) up, but it is there, it is a reality," he said. "From a biological point of view, race is not a factor."

Hastings said the exchange at the meeting should be a prelude to what will happen in the class.

Larry Winn, the communication and broadcasting department head, said the class "could provide an excellent educational opportunity for students."

He said his department will meet and consider the ideas expressed at the meeting.

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# Sports



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During the fourth quarter of Saturday's game at Marshall, Redshirt freshman Dale Robinson reacts to the Hilltoppers' 37-3 loss.

## Tops, Taggart trampled 37-3

BY KEVIN KELLY

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. — J.J. Jewell blew out his knee in 1994. Daryl Houston broke his foot last season. Western's I-bone option offense bit its third quarterback in as many seasons Saturday at No. 1 Marshall.

Junior Willie Taggart, who replaced the injured Houston last season, felt his ankle pop after Marshall tackle Billy Lyon and linebacker Jermaine Swafford brutally twisted him on a draw play late in the first half.

The 175-pound Taggart, propped on two aluminum crutches and shivering, watched the entire second half of Saturday's 37-3 loss to Marshall (4-0) before 20,735 fans.

The shivering — a result of a chilly West Virginia night. The sprained ankle — a result of an unforgiving offense.

"In our offense, our quarterback is going to run the ball 15 or 20 times," Western coach Jack Harbaugh said. "And he's going to get hit another 15 or 20 times when he pitches it."

Taggart had to be helped off

the AstroTurf field and was taken to Marshall's training room on the back of a cart.

X-rays taken Saturday showed no broken bones, and he is listed as day-to-day for Saturday's game at Alabama-Birmingham (2-2).

"When it happened I thought it was broken, and that was scary," Taggart said. "I thought about last season with Daryl as I was going to get the X-rays done."

Before the injury, No. 16 Western (4-1) trailed the Thundering Herd 10-3 and Taggart led the Hilltoppers in rushing with 42 yards on 11 carries. He is Western's second leading rusher this season (477 yards on 80 rushes), behind senior tailback Antwan Floyd, who carried the ball 12 times for 60 yards Saturday.

Redshirt freshman Dale Robinson, who had seen limited action in two games this season, replaced Taggart and carried the ball 14 times for 49 yards. He also injured his ankle late in the second half but will return to practice today.

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Chris Obenchain/Herald

Redshirt freshman quarterback Dale Robinson, who replaced junior Willie Taggart, escapes a defender to throw a pass.

## Soccer scores goals, victory

◆ Western won its second game of the season last Saturday  
BY MIKE FINCH

Western came out of the Sun Belt Conference Mini-Series this weekend with two positives — a .500 conference record and more goal scoring.

The Hilltoppers scored five goals in their last three games, two better than the three goals scored in their first six games of the season.

"Our guys have just worked really hard on scoring," Western coach David Holmes said.

Western (2-7) lost the first game of the Sun Belt Mini-Series to South Alabama 5-1.

"The statistics of the South Alabama game were even, but the score was lopsided," Holmes said. "Our effort was strong, but our luck was incredibly bad."

The Jaguars (5-4) benefited from two goals the Hilltoppers scored for them. Western scored a goal for South Alabama on an errant kick off junior midfielder Joe Hickey's head at 16 minutes, 52 seconds in the first half.

Western senior midfielder Alex Lykos scored the Hilltoppers' lone goal at 20:44.

South Alabama junior forward Justin Rosenblad scored at 27:47 and junior midfielder Declan Cooley scored at 34:28 to round off the scoring in the first half.

The Hilltoppers scored another goal for the Jaguars off junior goalie Andrew Cecil at 60:34 in the second half. Jaguars freshman forward Brian Todd scored the final goal of the game at 70:55 off an assist from Rosenblad.

"When the team isn't playing well, the ball just doesn't bounce your way," Holmes said.

The Hilltoppers won their second game of the season Saturday beating Texas-Pan American 2-1.

Western handed the winless Broncos their eighth loss of the season. The win moved the Hilltoppers to 1-1 in the Sun Belt.

"The conference is still wide open," Hickey said. "We played well, and the win gives us some momentum."

Senior forward Mark Robson scored the first goal of the game for the Hilltoppers at 33:19 on an assist from Lykos. Robson was issued a yellow card at 43:03 for an altercation with Bronco freshman defender Daniel Cortez. Cortez also received a yellow card in the incident.

Robson was then red carded for receiving his second yellow card of the game at 51:07 for a flagrant play in the field.

Junior forward Stephen Robinson scored the Hilltoppers second goal at 75:18 on an assist from Hickey.

"The win against Texas-Pan American was a good team effort," Holmes said. "We've seen all the teams in the Sun Belt. None of the teams are undefeated in conference play, so we believe we're still in the hunt for the Sun Belt Conference championship."

Western plays Wright State (7-2-1) at 7 p.m. Thursday at Smith Stadium. Thursday's match will be the Hilltoppers' first home game since Sept. 11.

## Western looks to start Sun Belt season 2-0

BY JERRY BREWER

Volleyball coach Travis Hudson has sounded like a preacher this season. He has constantly reminded his team of the importance of consistency.

Now he must preach a new sermon — how to get to volleyball heaven from Bowling Green.

For Sun Belt Conference teams, making it to the NCAA tournament would be divine. And history has proven there is only one way for a Sun Belt team to get there — win the Sun Belt tournament.

No Sun Belt volleyball team has ever gone to the 48-team NCAA tournament without winning its post-season tournament.

"The nine conference matches are what our season is all about," Hudson said. "We could go 0-15 (in non-conference games) and do well in conference and still go to the NCAA tournament."

"Prior to now, it's all been preparation. ... This is what we gear our conditioning toward. This is what we gear our recruiting toward. This is what we gear everything toward."

Western (9-8) opens Sun Belt play against Jacksonville (4-10) at 7 p.m. Friday at Diddle Arena. The Hilltoppers play another home conference game against South Alabama (3-10) at 2 p.m. Sunday.

"These first two games are crucial," Hudson said. "These

are two games we can win. If we're going to be in the conference tournament, we have to win these games."

Jacksonville coach Ann Marie Wessel said Western will face a young team.

"Right now, we're expecting to turn things around," Wessel said. "This weekend, we're wiping the slate clean."

Jacksonville is led by junior middle hitter Cheryl Rothwell, who has a team-high 135 kills. Freshman outside hitter Kelly Hickam has 111 kills and leads the Dolphins with 161 digs.

"This is a good match-up for us," Wessel said. "We're a bigger team than Western, but they

keep the ball in play. If we can lessen our errors, we can win the match."

South Alabama is similar to Jacksonville. The Lady Jaguars also hope to erase a slow start during conference play.

"This conference is up for grabs," said South Alabama coach Jim Smoot. "We're all on an equal standing right now. One of our goals is to start strong."

Two seniors, middle hitter Caryn Jonker and outside hitter Bev Ferren, lead the Lady Jaguars' attack. Ferren leads South Alabama with 119 kills and 125 digs. Jonker ranks second in kills with 98 and has a team-high 34 total blocks.



# Runners limp into weekend contest at Indiana

By Don Wilkins

The Western men's and women's cross country teams will have to overcome injuries and face their toughest competition this season at the Indiana University Invitational on Saturday.

Western's men will run eight kilometers against teams from Indiana, Purdue, Illinois, Kentucky, Morehead State and Ball State.

Juniors Daryn Lambooy and Jeremy Kazlauskas are both injured, hurting the men's chances of an overall victory.

Lambooy finished fifth and Kazlauskas eighth in the season opener at the UT-Chattanooga Invitational on Sept. 7 to help the men in the overall win.

Kazlauskas has a strained hamstring and is questionable for the meet, but he said he plans to be ready.

"I've started running again and hopefully by the end of the week I will improve enough to race," he said.

Inflammation of the hip will keep Lambooy out the meet.

Western coach Curtiss Long said the injuries hurt his team

depth-wise.

"It is a crippling factor

**"We'll go out and give it our best and hopefully learn from the experience."**

**— Bobby Wells**  
cross country runner

because instead of seven guys, I possibly will only have five, and

there are no substitutes," he said.

Despite Western's misfortune, the team is remaining confident.

"We'll go out and give it our best and hopefully learn from the experience," junior Bobby Wells said.

With some of the top cross country programs attending the meet, Indiana coach Sam Bell said he expects quality running this weekend.

"The course is challenging and overall the teams participating should make for a competitive race," he said.

The women will run a 5-kilo-

meter race and also expect to face their toughest competition of the season.

Freshman Valerie Lynch has been a bright spot for the women, finishing second in the team's last two meets. Senior Christina Brown also has two top 10 finishes.

Western assistant coach Michelle Scott Murphy said she is confident considering the team's competition.

"This is their first major meet, and they're a young team, but I'm sure they will do well," Murphy said.

## Golf team rained out

By George Robinson

Bad weather doused any hopes for Western's men's golf team to come from behind at the Colonel Classic at Eastern Kentucky last weekend.

Play was suspended because of rain after only 18 holes of competition. Western finished 13th of 14 teams competing.

"It really affected our play," Western freshman golfer Robie Crockett said. "We couldn't hold on to the clubs and trying to hit the ball was almost impossible. It was a bad day altogether."

Western shot a one-round total of 319 (31-over par) with junior Jared Baysinger cracking the top 20 with a score of four-over par 76. He finished tied for 18th.

Eastern Kentucky won the tournament, finishing with a one-round total of 290 (two-over par) followed by Eastern Michigan (295) and University of Louisville (297).

The tournament was scheduled for 36 holes but wasn't playable after the second hole of the second round.

"We were disappointed in the score that we posted," Baysinger said. "But we really couldn't get into the flow of the game because of the rain."

The Hilltoppers also competed in the Tri-State Classic hosted by the University of Tennessee at Martin in Pickwick, Tenn. on Sept. 23-24.

Western finished 10th in the 12-team tournament with a two-round total of 603.

Sophomore Nate Gilchrist lead the Toppers in the individual standings, tied for 16th with a first-round score of five-over par 77 and a one-under par 71 in the second round.

The University of Mobile won the tournament by six strokes over Southeast Missouri State and Union College.

Western will have a few weeks off before their last tournament of the fall, Oct. 21 in Louisville.

"A lot of us are pretty burned out mentally," Baysinger said. "We need this time to work on our consistency and get focused to have a strong ending to our fall season."

## OWN: Rugby team promotes sport

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With the men's help the women plan to join the Mid-South Region Union, a conference set up for rugby teams. Teams in that union include Vanderbilt, Tennessee Tech, Middle Tennessee State and the University of Tennessee. All of those schools include women's rugby programs.

The men and women share a close relationship with each other, attending each other's games, helping out during practice and the men funding the women whenever needed.

"This team promotes the sport of rugby," said junior Eric Shirmer, a men's team member. "Not only does it look good for the school, it looks good for men's team."

Support from the university in the form of school funding is non-existent, so uniforms are furnished by what little the men's team receives, and with no home field to play on, the team car pools to all of their

games. Traveling over three hours to get to their first game in Carbondale, Ill., proved to be an adventure, freshman Katelyn Wells said.

"It took us six hours to get back home," she said. "We were lost and couldn't figure out where in the world we were. We just kept going until we were home."

Difficult times are expected by the team, but they are determined to continue on their recent success of building a team from scratch.

"We have a lot of girls with a lot of heart, and we are proud to have been able to endure," she said. "The traveling has bonded us together as a team."

This team has a symbolic way of showcasing their togetherness in practice by lining up for drills and shouting "I'm with you" as they pass the ball from one player to another.

At practice end, they seem tired but invigorated and will say they work just as hard as the men. There is no holding back

with this group, Bassett said.

The women have played two games, losing both to Southern Illinois, 72-0, and Vanderbilt, 35-0, but their record doesn't speak for the team's heart and commitment that impressed the coach of Vanderbilt.

"For Western to have a brand new team that has never competed in years past, they look wonderful," said Vandy coach Leah Patrick. "What's good is that they help to keep the sport and interest expanding and that is very important."

Black electrical tape to cover the ears, scrums (the famous rugby pile before a play), tackling, clawing and scratching are just some of the methods used without pads in such a physical sport — a sport that these ladies love so much they don't want to leave at game's end.

"It's something to be a part of," Vinson said. "A lot of these girls are happy just to be competing in an athletic event. It means a lot to us."

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# TOPS: Marshall shuts down top-ranked rushing offense

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Western had its chance to score a touchdown in the first quarter, but a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on junior wide receiver Joey Stockton deflated the Hilltoppers' chance to score.

Taggart tossed a 34-yard pass to Stockton at the Marshall 14-yard line. But after he made the grab, Stockton, who was kicked out of Western's game against Austin Peay on Sept. 21, got up and bowed to the crowd.

"He deserved the penalty, and if we didn't score a touchdown then we deserved it because he's a part of our team," Harbaugh said. "I told him exactly how I feel, and I'm running out of patience with him."

Thereafter, Western's offense couldn't get anything started against Marshall's defense and didn't get any closer than the 12-yard line the rest of the game.

The Thundering Herd held a Hilltoppers offense that led Division I-AA in rushing (347 yards per game) before the game to just 216 total rushing yards and two turnovers.

Western scored its only points late in the second quarter

on a 37-yard field goal by freshman Jeff Poisel after freshman strong safety Mike Mills intercepted a pass by Marshall senior quarterback Eric Kresser.

"I'm really pleased with how the defense played," Marshall coach Bob Pruett said.

Pruett's offense was just as stellar.

Behind Kresser, a transfer who played behind Heisman Trophy candidate Danny Wuerffel at Florida, freshman running back Doug Chapman and freshman wide receiver Randy Moss, the Thundering Herd dominated Western's defense — a seventh-ranked defense that allowed opponents an average of 226 yards in four games.

Before Saturday's game, Western's defense had allowed opponents to score an average of 12.5 points per game. Marshall scored 17 points in the first half, 20 in the second and compiled 449 total yards.

"We can play with those guys," Western senior linebacker Bryson Warner said. "They're not a Kansas State or Ohio State. We have to cut down on our mistakes as far as physical ability. If we do that, we can play with a top-notch team like Marshall."

The Thundering Herd began its scoring on the first possession of the game after they drove 53 yards on 11 plays. Kresser (18-of-34, 190 yards, two touchdowns) hit Moss, who was left wide open after Western junior cornerback Bryan Daniel slipped and fell on his stomach, with a 3-yard touchdown pass.

Chapman added 131 yards rushing and one touchdown. Junior wide receiver Mark Wicks also caught four passes for 76 yards and a touchdown.

"We spread the ball around on offense," Pruett said. "We had some different people catching the ball, which is good for our football team."

The Hilltoppers travel to Legion Field this weekend to face first-year Division I-A Alabama-Birmingham. Western has a three-game winning streak against the Blazers. The Hilltoppers won 32-18 last season at Smith Stadium.

"This loss tells us where we're at right now," Warner said. "It tells us we're still a very good team and that we've got a long schedule. We're not a team that gives up, and we're going to be there at the end."



Chris Obenchain/Herald

After injuring his ankle during Saturday's 37-3 loss at No. 1 Marshall, junior quarterback Willie Taggart limps on crutches.

## Blazers, Legion Field await Tops

BY DARRYN SIMMONS

It's time for the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers to get up and dust themselves off.

The No. 16 Hilltoppers (4-1) lost 37-3 to No. 1 Marshall last Saturday, but they must regroup and spend their Fall Break at 83,000-seat Legion Field.

Alabama-Birmingham (2-2) is Western's only Division I-A opponent this year. The Blazers' last game was a 24-17 win against Jacksonville State on Sept. 21. Western beat the Blazers 32-18 last season at Smith Stadium.

The week off benefits Alabama-Birmingham. They enter the game injury free.

The exact opposite can be said for the Hilltoppers, who suffered two key injuries against Marshall.

Senior running back Ron Townsley (11 carries, 45 yards) sprained his shoulder and is not expected to play Saturday. Taking Townsley's place the majority of the time will be sophomore tailback Mitchell Randle. Randle has carried the ball 16 times for 105 yards.

The biggest question to be answered Saturday will surround Western's second-leading

rusher, junior quarterback Willie Taggart.

Taggart suffered a sprained ankle in the second quarter against Marshall and had to be helped off the field. He did not return after he ran for 42 yards on 11 carries.

The X-rays on Taggart's ankle showed no broken bones, but Western coach Jack Harbaugh said it is unknown whether or not Taggart will play against Alabama-Birmingham.

"He's day-to-day, so it will be closer to game day before we decide to play him or not," Harbaugh said.

If Taggart can't play, redshirt freshman Dale Robinson will step into his spot.

Robinson came on in relief of Taggart in the Marshall game and finished the game with 14 rushes for 49 yards. He also injured his ankle late in the fourth quarter but will return to practice today.

Senior wide receiver Carlos Quarles said a lot of pressure will be on Robinson.

"Dale stepped in to a new role and it's going to affect our passing," he said. "But I think he'll do an adequate job."

While the new roles of Robinson and Randle will be a key, junior wide receiver Joey Stockton said Alabama-Birmingham's new status as a Division I-A school is a concern.

"When we beat them before, we could just wear them down, but now they have more players and that'll be harder to do," he said.

Another key for Western will be to re-establish the powerful running game that led the Hilltoppers to winning its first four games of the year.

After leading Division I-AA in rushing with 346.5 yards per game, Marshall held the Hilltoppers to only 90 rushing yards in the first half and 216 yards overall.

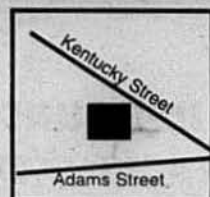
The Blazers may help Western's rushing woes from last Saturday.

The Blazers gave up 193 rushing yards to Jacksonville State.

On the offensive side of the ball, Alabama-Birmingham ended its quarterback controversy by going with Rodney Hudson over backup Kevin Drake.

Hudson earned the spot by leading the Blazers against Jacksonville State. He completed 6-of-15 passes for 103 yards.

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5.	Stephen F. Austin	3-1
6.	Jackson St.	4-0
7.	SW Missouri State	4-1
8.	Eastern Illinois	4-0
9.	Troy St.	3-1
10.	Murray State	3-1
11.	Delaware	3-1
12.	Northern Arizona	4-1
13.	Villanova	3-1
14.	Furman	3-1
15.	Connecticut	3-1
16.	Western Kentucky	4-1
17.	William & Mary	3-1
18.	Weber St.	3-1
19.	Northwestern State	4-0
20.	New Hampshire	3-0
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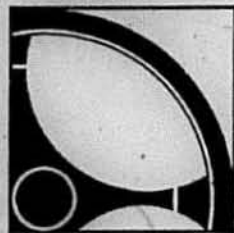
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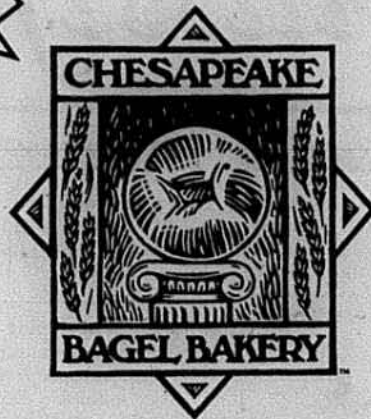
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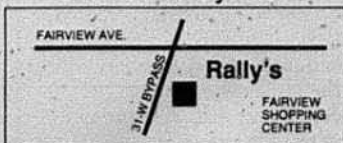
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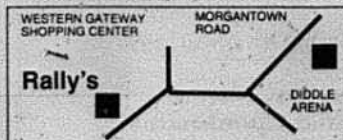


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**\$2.79 Chicken Combo**

All-white meat lightly breaded chicken sandwich with mayonnaise, tomato and lettuce, served with one of a kind fries and a 20 oz. drink.



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**Have a safe, relaxing Fall Break!**